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FEDERAL TROOPS RUSHED INTO MINE DISTRICTS

MIDDLEWEST LIVE STOCK MEN GIVEN CUT IN FREIGHTS

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 2. (By Associated Press)—Livestock shippers of Middle West will get a reduction of 20 per cent in freight rates on livestock where the haul is long enough to make the tariff fifty cents per hundred or more, according to a telegram received tonight by J. H. Mercer, national chairman of the livestock shippers league, from Edward Chambers, New York, vice-president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS WILL SETTLE ALBANIAN DISPUTE

GENEVA, Sept. 2. (By Associated Press)—At its forthcoming meeting the assembly of the League of Nations will for the first time be called upon to decide a territorial dispute. This is a result of the action of the league council today in referring to the assembly the entire question raised by Albania's complaint against Greece and Jugo-Slavia for occupying territory conceded to Albania by the powers in 1913.

TREATY BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND AMERICA IS ACCEPTED

VIENNA, Sept. 2. (By Associated Press)—The foreign affairs committee today accepted the treaty of peace signed August 24 between Austria and the United States and charged Chancellor Mayr with the task of presenting the report to parliament tomorrow with a view to the ratification of the treaty.

SIX PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH IN HARLEM TENEMENT HOUSE FIRE

NEW YORK, Sept. 2. (By Associated Press)—Six persons, four of them members of the same family, perished in a fire in a Harlem tenement house tonight. Vincenzo Catalano, his wife, and 16-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter, who occupied an apartment on the third floor, were burned to death as was Fred De Lucca and an unidentified baby. De Lucca's wife and several other residents of the building were taken to a hospital and treated for burns.

RAILROADS CLAIM RATE CUT WOULD BRING RUIN

JOBING TRADE MUCH BRISKER THROUGH SOUTH

INDUSTRIAL SITUATION IS REGARDED AS HAVING IMPROVED

By Associated Press
NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—(By Associated Press)—The industrial situation is regarded as having improved. The cotton market has continued to display indecision, but foreign exchange rates have generally risen stronger and the bond market has shown a little more life. Retail trade is rather inactive, as is not unusual at the close of a summer season. Weekly bank clearings \$3,397,910,000.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2. (By Associated Press)—Attorneys for the railroads and for the shippers gave oral arguments before the Interstate Commerce Commission today at hearings on the proposed reduction of freight rates on grain and hay, the former arguing that a reduction would throw many western roads into bankruptcy. Attorneys for the shippers declared that production would be lessened and the roads would suffer from reduced traffic, if the present rates were continued.

R. H. Widdicombe, attorney for the Chicago Northwestern said assertions that present rates would result in a decreased acreage next year were "very speculative." Prices, he added, were governed by supply and demand and not by freight rates. The present low prices for grain were due, he said, to reduced exports as a result of conditions in Europe.

J. N. Davis, representing the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, replying to questions asked early in the hearing as to whether the roads should forego a 5 1-2 per cent return and give a helping hand to the farmer, the speaker said:

"The transportation system not only has its rate regulated, but a major portion of its operating expenses regulated by government agencies and in no case under present law can the transportation company earn for itself a greater return than 5 1-2 per cent. With the farmer no such regulation exists. He can often recoup his losses in a fat year."

Plane Falls.
FAIRMONT, W. Va., Sept. 2.—A large biplane in charge of Lieut. Leslie Arnold and containing army of fliers and passengers, bound for the trouble zone in Southern West Virginia, was wrecked three miles north of Fairmont tonight. None of 12 occupants was injured.

RENT HOG ASKS \$3,000 MONTH ON HOUSE ON SALE AT \$15,000

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2. (By Associated Press)—The attempts of some property owners in Washington to boost rentals on homes desired for the staffs of foreign delegates who will attend the disarmament conference was brought to the attention of the cabinet today.

In working out preliminary plans, Chief of which relate to the problem of finding adequate accommodations for minor officials and clerical forces, cabinet members found that one owner of a house offered for sale at \$15,000 had demanded a monthly rental of \$3,000.

Administration officials declared the incident showed "such a violation of the spirit that ought to be maintained" that it called for a cure by good sense of the people of Washington.

GRAIN MEN TAKE FIRST STEPS TO CO-RELATE WORK

UNITE IN SEEKING OUT FROM INTERSTATE COMMERCE BODY

By Associated Press
HOUSTON, Texas, Sept. 2.—First steps toward the co-relation of all opinions of shippers and others interested in the movement of grain through Texas to Gulf ports in regard to the proposed change of relations between Atlantic and Gulf ports on grain rates were made at a meeting held Friday morning at the rooms of the Houston Chamber of Commerce under the auspices of the Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting was called as the result of the Interstate Commerce Commission granting permission to Eastern carriers to publish a 1-1-2 cent reduction in grain rates from Kansas City to Baltimore. Following the granting of this permission, Gulf lines asked permission of the Interstate Commerce Commission to publish a reduction in rates to Gulf ports of only 3-1-2 cents, instead of the 1-1-2 cent reduction granted the Eastern lines.

The question has come up among the Texas grain interests whether they care to accept the new differential of 8 cents or fight for the maintenance of the previous standard of 10 cents. It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting Friday that a co-related opinion of the Texas interests should be presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission. Previously each individual organization has separately expressed its view to the commission. As a result of the meeting the southwestern Industrial Traffic league will be asked to include the matter in its docket when it meets at Dallas on September 7 and act as the central body to handle the question if it desires to do so.

FIGHTING WORSE IN BLAIR REGION WOUNDED REPORT

BODY OF SLAIN MAN AND TWO WOUNDED ARE BROUGHT BACK

By Associated Press
ST ALBANS, W. Va., Sept. 2.—The body of James Roberts who was killed in fighting in Blair Mountain yesterday was brought here tonight on the first train to reach St. Albans from Clowrie since the railroad was closed by officials of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad company, Wednesday. The train also carried two wounded men and a number of others who said they had just come down from the front.

Among passengers were Mrs. John Gore, widow of the Logan deputy sheriff, who was reported from Logan as having been killed on Spruce Fork ridge Wednesday. She was suffering from a nervous collapse. The wounded men were bound from Hamford, W. Va., to be placed in a miners hospital and refused to discuss events in the disturbed district other than to say that when they left there this afternoon fighting was continuing on Blair Mountain and was, if anything, more severe than at any time this week. They said that forces there had been reinforced by a large party of men from Boone, W. Va.

SHIPPERS OF CATTLE FURTHER UNIT PLANS

By Associated Press
CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—Representatives from eight Mid-Western States and 2,300 cooperative livestock marketing organizations met here today to further local and county unit plans for organized cooperative shipping, as are recommended by the farmers' livestock committee of fifteen. Rath Loomis, associate professor of marketing of the University of Missouri, explained the relative advantages of local and county shipments.

SINGLE TAXERS TO SEEK AMENDMENT

By Associated Press
DALLAS, Texas, Sept. 2.—Plans for raising an annual operating fund of \$10,000 to provide for extension of activities of the Single Tax League of Texas were formulated at a conference of the league here today. It was announced that the league would initiate a movement to have the state constitution amended so as to provide for a tax on land values only.

Coffee Rates Lowered.
By Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 2.—Reduced import rates on green coffee from all Pacific Coast ports to eastern points on all transcontinental lines effective September 13th, were announced late today by the Santa Fe Railroad.

TEXAS COTTON CROP IN LOWEST CONDITION IN STATE'S HISTORY

HOUSTON, Texas, Sept. 2. (By Associated Press)—The lowest condition of the Texas cotton crop in history, 42 per cent of normal, is reflected in the report issued Friday by F. N. Gray, cotton statistician, bureau of markets and crop estimates, United States Department of Agriculture with office in Houston.

The report summarizes the condition of the crop on August 25, and shows a loss of 20 points since July 25 and of 30 points since June 25. A drought of two months' duration is given as the principal reason for the decline in the condition of the crop.

The report calls attention to the favorable planting conditions and prospects for a good crop, then shows the constant setbacks befalling the crop beginning with the necessity of considerable replanting and subsequent several ravages, followed by a two-month dry season.

Formal Order To Declare Martial Law In Hands Of General Commanding Area

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2. (By Associated Press)—The War Department set in motion today machinery to apply irresistible force to disorderly elements in the five mining counties of West Virginia, where labor disorders have smoldered into what officials term insurrection. By train from four army camps, an expeditionary troop force numbering 2100 men was routed for separate destinations on the edge of the mountain country. Brigadier General H. H. Bandholtz, the government's agent on the scene, has been designated to command the troops.

Behind the force in motion, Secretary Weeks said, were as reserves another 200 men, and bombing airplanes which already have arrived in the disturbed area. President Harding's proclamation, formally putting Fayette, Mingo, Logan, Kanawha and Boone counties under martial law is in the hands of General Bandholtz and will be issued at the discretion of Secretary Weeks.

The Government's action in sending troops into west West Virginia, Secretary Weeks said today evidently had the approval of mine union officials, as well as the civil authorities of West Virginia, who had asked for them. He called attention to General Bandholtz's report earlier in the day that Phillip Murray, international president of the United Mine Workers, had joined in urging upon him the recommendation for troops.

"When railroads are closed up and armed bands of men establish themselves in the country, march to and fro, overpowering resistance," the secretary said, "you may call it what you please. We call it insurrection."

The nineteenth infantry from Camp Sherman and Columbus, Ohio, and the 26th from Camp Dix, N. J., which were the first to move for the scene of the disorders are provided with machine guns, howitzers, radio and headquarters machinery, one pounders, specialists in gas warfare, as well as rifles, riot guns, automatic rifles and revolvers. The enlisted strength of the two organizations, according to the latest reports is 2100, exclusive of the personnel of the 68th light bombing squadron, estimated at 150 men. The 19th infantry was brought to field strength by replacements.

Officers of the war department familiar with martial law precedents and the policy of the administration, said the extent and duration of its existence in West Virginia, if declared, would depend largely upon the discretion of General Bandholtz.

To Quell Disturbance.
Its primary object, it was explained,

HEAVY FIGHTING IS REPORTED IN VICINITY OF SPRUCE FORK RIDGE

LOGAN, W. Va., Sept. 2. (By Associated Press)—Heavy fighting on the west end of the Spruce Fork ridge line was reported in an official statement issued by Colonel W. E. Eubanks tonight. His announcement added that toward the center some firing was in progress, but that to the east where Blair mountain is located all was quiet.

The statement made no mention of casualties although one man, private Goff, a state trooper, was brought in from Cooked Creek suffering a bullet wound in the hip. He was not dangerously hurt. No federal troops had arrived here late tonight.

Sheriff Don Chafin late today permitted newspaper men to interview three prisoners taken by the Logan county forces who were brought here yesterday. They were John Stollings and French Hager, both of Logan county, and Clyde McGarvish, of Clancy, Ohio.

Stollings and McGarvish were arrested in the Coal River coal field here last night, and Hager was taken by a state trooper at Sharples last Sunday. Stollings asserted that he was returning to Logan from Boone county, where he had visited his mother.

"I encountered a band of men who placed a rifle in my hands, tied a red band around my arms and forced me

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FEDERAL TROOPS WILL BE STATIONED IN FIGHT AREA

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 2. (By Associated Press)—Federal troops are in West Virginia ready to put down the disorder that has been distributing the peace of the state since last week. The first train arrived at Stalbans tonight from Ohio and was followed by other trains bringing infantrymen and equipment from the fifth corps area of the Middle West. Troops from Camp Dix, N. J., are not due until tomorrow.

The first contingent of soldiers were met at St. Albans by Colonel Stanley H. Ford, war department general staff, who conveyed orders to the commander of the troop where to place his men. Stalbans is about 25 miles from the affected area in Boone and Logan counties. Brig. General H. H. Bandholtz, in command of all the troops ordered here, worked out the details for placing the commands today.

The infantry men will be stationed at about a half-dozen central points from which they will operate in smaller detachments to all surrounding places where they may be needed.

Brigadier General Bandholtz had no very disturbing report today from the so-called front along the boundary line of Boone and Logan counties, where the armed miners and others are facing the largely recruited county and state peace officers and men. The armed bands are on the Boone county side of the line and in a strip of Logan county east of Spruce Fork ridge, while the opposing state and county forces are on the Logan side. Brigadier General Bandholtz expects that when the military arrived on the scene the invaders will quickly disperse and return to their homes in several of the counties in southwestern West Virginia.

Governor Morgan's office gave out unofficial reports today of continued shooting in the mountains to the south. There were no details as to the extent of casualties on either side.

UNION OFFICIAL CHARGES MINERS WERE MURDERED

INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT SAYS ABOLISH MINE GUARD

By Associated Press
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 2.—Phillip Murray, international vice president of the United Mine Workers of America today gave out the following formal statement on the West Virginia situation to represent the views of the mine workers union:

"After making a survey of the entire situation in the disturbed sections of West Virginia, I am forced to conclude that there is but one solution to the whole question as it affects the citizenry of the state of West Virginia and that is complete abolition of the mine guard and Baldwin-Felts system now in general use throughout the non-union coal mining fields of this state.

"Despite any statement that might be made to the citizenry by the governor of the State of West Virginia, evidence of brutality of the mine guards and Baldwin-Felts agencies can be found in the non-union territories of West Virginia. My personal judgement is that the presence of federal troops in the disturbed sections of the state will result in immediate quiet being restored. The men engaged in the present conflict against the governor's misuse of power, welcome with open arms the coming of federal troops. They believe that their presence in this field will at least assure them, their wives and families, protection from assassination."

"It is not generally understood, but it is nevertheless true, that on August 26 these citizens engaged in the present uprising against the Baldwin-Felts and mine guards entered into an agreement with Bandholtz and President Hensley to disperse peacefully and return to their homes, with the distinct understanding that their lives would be protected whilst following out the terms of

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